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SUBJECT: NEWS STORY ON JAILED UNION LEADERS

(A) STATE 123822; (B) SAIGON 7413; (C) SAIGON 11623

1. I DISCUSSED THE WASHINGTON POST STORY ON THE IMPRISONED SOUTH VIETNAMESE TRADE UNION LEADERS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER JUNE 27. HE UNDERSTOOD THE UNFORTUNATE REPERCUSSIONS OF THIS AFFAIR IN THE UNITED STATES, BUT ADDED THAT IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT THESE MEN HAD BEEN RELEASED SOME WEEKS AGO.

2. WE HAVE CHECKED AND AS OF THE EVENING JUNE 27, FOUR OF THE SEVEN UNION OFFICIALS MENTIONED IN THE STORY ARE STILL IN JAIL. THE SUICIDE OF PHAM VAN HI (REFTEL B) IS NOW WIDELY KNOWN BY CVT CADRE AND IS BELIEVED TO BE KNOWN BY TOM LIPPMAN OF THE WASHINGTON POST. THE REFERENCE TO THE GVN "ATTEMPTING TO SET UP A LABOR WING OF ITS OWN" IS REPORTED IN REFTEL C. EXCEPT FOR SOME TECHNICAL ERRORS, THE STORY IS ESSENTIALLY CORRECT.  
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